

# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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#### ***PUBLIC HEARINGS: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN***

Pursuant to the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) in order to apply pesticides to control vegetation to maintain Rights-of Ways, the Department of Agricultural Resources must approve a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The VMP is intended to justify the need to control vegetation, identify target vegetation, describe the intended methods of control, describe methods for identifying sensitive areas, describe operational guidelines for applicators, outline a program of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) designed to reduce the use of herbicides, and describe alternative land use activities.

The following municipalities are advised that **SPRINGFIELD TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY PAN AM RAILWAYS** propose to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way.

Adams Andover Ashburnham Athol Ayer Bernardston Buckland Charlemont Chelmsford Chicopee Clinton Conway Deerfield Devens Easthampton Erving Fitchburg Florida Gardner Greenfield Groton Harvard Hatfield Holyoke Lancaster Lawrence Littleton Lowell Montague North Adams Northampton Northfield Orange Peabody Phillipston Rowe Royalston Salem Shelburne Springfield Sterling Templeton Tewksbury Tyngsborough Wendell West Boylston Westford Westminster Whately Williamstown Winchendon Worcester

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:**

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.05 the Department of Agricultural Resources will conduct a regional hearing to receive public comment on the proposed Vegetation Management Plan for **SPRINGFIELD TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY PAN AM RAILWAYS** as submitted by: Keith Moris

**To provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed VMP, a public hearing will be held at the following location:**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016 from 11 AM until 12:30 PM @ UMass Extension Field Station located at 240 Beaver Street in the main floor conference room.**

#### **Plans Available for Review Prior to Public Hearings:**

Section 11.05 (3)(d) of the ROW Management Regulations provide: "At least 21 days prior to the end of the public comment period, the applicant shall send a copy of the proposed VMP to the chief elected official, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission in affected communities upon their request." Such request should be made to:

Keith L. Morris  
622 Spring Street  
Leeds, Massachusetts 01053  
Tel/Fax. (413) 584-0633  
Email: [keithlmorris@comcast.net](mailto:keithlmorris@comcast.net)

The proposed VMP are available for review at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Crop and Pest Services web site <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/vegetation-management-and-yearly-operation-plans.html> and also available for review at the Reference Desk of the following public libraries:

Peabody Institute Public Library, 82 Main St, Peabody  
Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square Worcester

#### **Written Comments Requested**

The public hearings listed above will give interested parties the opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing concerning the proposed VMP. Persons giving testimony are also requested to provide written comments. Written comments in advance of the hearing dates are welcome. **The Department will accept written testimony concerning the, SPRINGFIELD TERMINAL RAILWAY COMPANY PAN AM RAILWAYS VMP until the close of business Friday, February 5, 2016**

Commentary should be sent to:

Rights-of -Way Program  
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
Pesticide Bureau  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2151

